

Northwest Leadership Foundation

Organization Description

The Northwest Leadership Foundation (NLF) is a faith-based, locally-driven nonprofit organization established in 1986 to serve the Tacoma/Seattle region. NLF's mission is to build working relationships across faith and community groups, develop joint ventures that rebuild lives and neighborhoods, and build the capacity of participating organizations.

Project Description

The Four-City Demonstration Project will link the experience and resources of four leadership foundations to increase the program and organizational capabilities of more than 80 faith-based and community organizations in four cities that serve at-risk youth, homeless, prisoners reentering the community, children of prisoners, addicts, elders in need, families moving from welfare to work, and couples working to form and sustain healthy marriages.

Geographic Scope of Project

The project will focus its work in four cities:

- Tacoma, Washington
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Knoxville, Tennessee

Partnering Organizations

The Northwest Leadership Foundation (Tacoma) has partnered with leadership foundations in three other targeted cities: Memphis Leadership Foundation; Collaboration for a New Century (Phoenix); Knoxville Leadership Foundation; as well as with Leadership Foundations of America and the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. In addition, each city leadership foundation has local technical assistance partners.

Sub-Awards

The project will provide \$300,000 in 16-25 sub-awards through a competitive process. Organizations participating in the demonstration project may apply for sub-awards individually for awards up to \$30,000 or as a service network for awards up to \$60,000.

Project Objectives

The Four-City Demonstration Program will increase the program and organizational capabilities of more than 80 small faith-based and community organizations in four targeted cities so that services expand, funding increases, programs become more effective, and stronger collaborations are formed to address specific community needs. Each city will focus on chosen priority areas consistent with the CCF priority areas.

Project Strategies

- Select 20-30 organizations in each city for participation;
- Conduct initial orientation and training sessions in each city;
- Complete organizational assessments and develop plans to improve performance;
- Provide capacity-building materials and access to the Leadership Foundations of America's Resource Center;
- Provide on-going training and technical assistance that is performance-focused, tailored, learn-by-doing oriented, and includes both individual organizations and participating networks.

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Grant Award Amount

\$740,438